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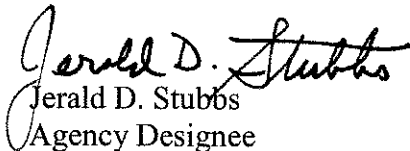
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at Global Flyer II Project Dinner Sponsored by Virgin Atlantic

The takeoff of Virgin Atlantic's Global Flyer II Project will occur at KSC on or about January 31, 2006. Virgin Atlantic has invited over 100 individuals to attend a dinner at the Apollo Saturn V Center to commemorate the event and recognize the efforts of personnel associated with the Global Flyer II project.

The event will be widely attended by officials from state and Federal government, members of academia, and representatives from the aerospace and aeronautics industries. The estimated cost of the dinner is \$25 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. The dinner will allow NASA employees to demonstrate support for the Global Flyer II Project mission, disseminate information regarding NASA's connection to the project, and discuss matters of common interest with a broad spectrum of guests from Federal and state government, academia, and the aerospace and aeronautics industries. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Virgin Atlantic may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Virgin Atlantic, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.


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